



MEMORANDUM
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Executive Summary For Action
Golden Valley City Council Meeting
May 19, 2015

Agenda Item

METRO Blue Line Extension Update

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Project Summary

Planning work continues in many areas:

- The Project Office continues to explore ways to provide parking in the Golden Valley Road station area and has had conversations with St. Margaret Mary Church to look at potential options on their property.
- Staff has been involved in IRT meetings with Minneapolis looking at the future design of Highway 55 as it approaches Golden Valley from the east.
- Three Community Outreach Coordinators have been assigned to respond to questions and concerns about the light rail project. David Davies will be representing Golden Valley, Crystal, and Robbinsdale; his contact information is included on the attached handout.
- The Bottineau LRT Community Works Steering Committee met for the first time at the end of April. It is made up of representatives from each of the five communities along the light rail line and will, over the life of the project, be looking at ways to enhance the areas around the stations and the rails through additional investments.

Station Area Planning Summary

An open house to present the final report for this phase of work will be held on Thursday, June 4, at the Harrison Community Center in Minneapolis from 5:30 to 8 pm. Representatives from the consulting team, Hennepin County, and the Project Office will be hand to talk about the contents of the report.

Following the open house, the final report will be received and filed by the City Council and utilized as a Planning Study that will help inform decisions during the upcoming Comprehensive Plan update process.

West Broadway Transit Study Summary

The West Broadway Transit Study will conduct a collaborative planning process to identify and evaluate potential transit improvements along Washington Avenue and West Broadway Avenue in north Minneapolis. Currently, five options for bus rapid transit and streetcar lines are under consideration for a portion of West Broadway Avenue that could extend from downtown Minneapolis to downtown Robbinsdale or to Golden Valley. Three of the five options include a stop at the Metro Blue Line's Golden Valley Road Station with the line terminating at Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute. The two remaining options terminate at North Memorial Hospital and Robbinsdale Transit Center in Downtown Robbinsdale.

Metro Transit will host an open house to go over the alignment options on Thursday, May 21 at the North Community YMCA from 5 to 7 pm. It is being hosted in conjunction with YMCA Family Night. Feedback from the open house will be brought to the Policy Advisory Committee in early June and taken into consideration as committee members choose up to three options for more detailed study.

Attachments

- Community Outreach Coordinator handout (2 pages)

Recommended Action

Receive and file METRO Blue Line Extension Update.